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AT A GLANCE

David McBride, Lakenheath Lancer goalie, warms up before the game against Weisbaden Saturday. The Lancers beat Weisbaden 4-3.



Photo by Danielle Urista

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ON THE COVER:

Ms. Libby Murphy, a speech therapist with RAF Lakenheath's Early Intervention Services helps Justice Cruzan with pronunciation.

See the story on pages 14-15
(Photo by Staff Sgt. Nicholasa Reed)

Make this the season of safety

BY BRIG. GEN. ROBERT P. STEEL

48TH FIGHTER WING COMMANDER

I am sure many of you have noticed the weather around here has changed a bit. Birds are chirping, flowers are blooming and, most notably, the sun is shining. We have braved the English winter and are now in the midst of long days and mild temperatures.

With the longer days and mild temperatures come the opportunity to get out and enjoy ourselves. Now is the time to throw burgers on the grill and have a picnic. Now is the time to gas up the car and take a road trip and now is the time to pack up the bags and explore continental Europe.

I encourage everyone to take advantage of all that comes along with the season. We are all lucky to live here and should make time to enjoy this great area. However, during our activities, we all need to ensure safety remains at the forefront of our minds.

Specifically, I ask you to think about driving safety this season. Just this year we lost two folks from our Liberty community to tragic driving mishaps. These mishaps illustrate the heartbreaking consequences that can accompany driving here. Therefore, please be

safety conscious while operating a car, boat, motorbike or even a bicycle.

To underline the importance of driving safety, I've provided new driving policies for the local roads. Our wing safety office will publish the information soon, so please be on the look out. Hopefully, it will help ensure our well-being and prevent fatal driving mishaps like the two we experienced this year.

In addition to driving, I urge you to remain safety conscious in any activity you take part in. Common activities such as grilling, recreational sports and even yard work have the potential to produce substantial injuries.

It is also important we continue to practice responsible drinking habits as we engage in our recreational activities. Airman ZOT has shown us the way, and we have listened. I am proud to say the 48th Fighter Wing is moving toward our 70th consecutive day without a DUI. But we can not let up. I ask each of you to do your part in continuing this streak.

As the weather enables us to enjoy more outdoor activities, it is critical we incorporate safety into everything we do. My goal is to have zero mishaps during the season. I am confident we can achieve this goal, but it will take everyone's help to make it a reality.

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Has anyone addressed the parking issue near the hospital?

I recently spent 30 minutes looking for a space and I ended up parking near Popeye's. I decided to walk around the area to see if there are some spaces that could be used to help alleviate the problem temporarily.

I found about 30 spaces, below are the details of what I found saw.

In front of Building 316 there are three to five spaces reserved for someone daily. These are moveable wood spaces, which are put out as needed. In front of Building 954 there is a large area, which was used by the previous occupants as a loading zone; it could now be opened up. Next to that, there is another area for five spaces being used for a loading zone. Is there really a need for five spaces as a loading zone?

In front of the dental squadron there are nine potential spaces blocked off for a drop-zone. This could easily be changed to three or four spaces. Also, four handicap spaces, which are rarely used could be dropped to two spaces. There are also two other reserved spots in that area. I have also noticed the construction workers building the new dormitories are parking in this area. Could they possibly park somewhere else and do a park and ride?

Has a bus service for people living on base been considered?

Once the dorm opens up, I expect the problem to get even worse. Has a parking garage been considered?

In general, I understand the base has a shortage of parking spaces and I foresee it getting worse not better.

I agree. Parking spaces near the hospital and fitness center are limited. I am fully engaged in working to create additional parking in those high-use areas. Projects are being programmed to provide additional parking. Due to funding constraints, these improvements will take time. The good news is that relief is on the way. We will add three new parking lots in this part of the base over the next 12 to 24 months.

In response to the specific areas you mentioned, only the large area near Building 954 can be re-striped into vehicle parking spots. This will take place with other striping efforts during the spring. All other areas you identified have been considered, but can not be altered for various reasons. (i.e. Americans with Disability Act requirements, required GOV parking and loading zones.)

The construction in the area is part of an overall effort to improve the quality of life for personnel and their family members on RAF Lakenheath. Unfortunately, the construction workers and associated vehicles are necessary for this progress, thus they bring a parking requirement with them. Due to cost constraints, it is not possible to require the contractor to bus personnel in, or to require workers to walk long distances to the work site. Their presence is a necessary cost of doing business, and will diminish as work completes.

As for bus service, when shuttles were available in the past, their use was sporadic at best, and did not make economic sense to continue the service.

SECAF discusses current, future personnel issues

BY MASTER SGT. MITCH GETTLE

AIR FORCE PRINT NEWS

WASHINGTON — Ensuring the Air Force operates fiscally is akin to anyone budgeting and paying for household and living expenses. The costs involved must be balanced and paid in order to maintain a certain lifestyle.

For the Air Force, some of the business costs reside in the targeted reduction of 40,000 full-time equivalent positions over the next five years to meet future budget constraints.

The secretary of the Air Force recently talked about how the Air Force intends to meet those force reductions and the impact on Airmen.

"This (reduction) is really about a turning point in our Air Force," said Michael W. Wynne, "and a realization by our senior leadership that we cannot move forward with our aging equipment with our increasing costs of operation and engagement of our aircraft."

The Air Force is operating more efficiently as

it relies more and more on reachback, innovations in technology and Air Force Smart Operations 21. That efficiency, resulting in fewer Airmen needed to do the work, helps ease the service's financial responsibility.

There are many costs associated with the continuously expeditionary nature of the Air Force. Just like a household budget, the big-ticket items like rent or a mortgage must be budgeted first.

"We need to continue to put an emphasis on training and resources for equipment to include maintenance and spares," he said. "We have an obligation to be the best Air Force in the world and that requires the best equipment and people to do the job."

Acquisition, investment and operation and maintenance areas are the top priorities for funds allocation. By focusing on these areas, the Air Force increases its equipment reliability rates and reduces maintenance.

"This is all about the resources this frees up and not about any individuals, who we value very highly," Mr. Wynne said. "We see that we

have higher reliability and consolidated equipment so we will not need as many people as we do today."

The cuts become a matter of business and fiscal sense leading the Air Force to become a more lethal and agile force, he said.

"These Airmen didn't come to the Air Force to add expense, they came to make themselves more valuable and the Air Force more valuable," Mr. Wynne said. "We treasure every one of them, and as we go forward we want to retain highly qualified people to manage this better Air Force we are designing."

The mission of the Air Force has dictated and always will dictate the direction the Air Force takes when it comes to equipment and personnel.

"Our senior leaders and unit leaders must look at these cuts and ensure we can accomplish the mission," he said. "We need to ensure we retain the right caliber and quantity (of Airmen) to make the mission happen today, tomorrow and forever."

EUCOM deputy makes final flight

BY JAIME L. WOOD

U.S. EUROPEAN COMMAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

STUTTGART, Germany - As a light rain drizzled over the Stuttgart Army Airfield April 27, the U.S. Air Force C-20 plane made a smooth landing and slowly rolled to its resting place. The door opened and the pilot - retiring Air Force Gen. Charles F. Wald, U.S. European Command Deputy Commander - cautiously stepped out.

Wald, who is scheduled to retire this summer, had just completed his final flight - the traditional "fini" flight - his last chance at piloting a U.S. Air Force plane while on active duty.

At the bottom of the stairs, Wald was greeted by his wife Marilyn, who quickly hugged him and then rushed to continue the Fini tradition - dousing her husband with water from a fire truck hose.

"It's the unit's way of saying farewell to one of their pilots,"

explained Air Force Maj. Bucky Finn, 76th Airlift Squadron, Ramstein Air Base. Linn is an instructor pilot who has regularly flown with Gen. Wald during his EUCOM tour. "This really was an enjoyable flight," Finn said, adding, "I've been in the military 19 years and flying with General Wald on this occasion is a great honor."

Approximately 50 American and German friends and service members also gathered at the airfield to partake in the celebration.

"We're here to welcome General Wald back to ground safely and to commemorate his 35 years in the military," said Marcus Snoddy, Air Force Senior Master Sergeant, one of the event coordinators.

The general received several accolades in a reception that followed the landing including being made an honorary Air Force Chief Master Sergeant - the highest enlisted rank in the Air Force.



Photo by Delinda K. Hood

Retiring Gen. Charles F. Wald, Deputy Commander, U.S. European Command, gets soaked April 27 at Stuttgart Army Airfield. His wife Marilyn, along with the help of U.S. Ambassador Mary Yates, and a Stuttgart firefighter, sprayed Wald as part of his "fini" flight ceremony - his final piloted flight while on active duty.

"General Wald has always been a powerful contributor to the enlisted force and we really appreciate him," said Bruce Bolley, Chief Master Sergeant.

In his closing remarks, Gen. Wald, a North Dakota native, thanked everybody for their support and said, "It's going to be difficult riding in the backseat of those commercial liners from now on!"

Education center lauds graduates

Congratulations to the following Liberty Warriors who earned a post-secondary education degree. The graduates will be honored at a recognition ceremony today at the Eagles' Landing.

48th Maintenance Group

Staff Sgt. Tony McManus, Associates of Applied Science-Avionic Systems Technology

Master Sgt. Bryon Parsons, Associates of Applied Science-Avionic Systems Technology

48th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Master Sgt. Randy Fluhrer, Associates of Applied Science-Avionic Systems Technology

Staff Sgt. Joseph Foster, Associates of Applied Science-Aircraft Armament Systems Technology

Tech. Sgt. Morris Miller, Associates of Applied Science-Aircraft Armament Systems Technology

Senior Airmen Aaron Valenti, Associates of Applied Science-Aviation Maintenance Technology

Master Sgt. Richard Sixtos, Bachelor of Science-Psychology

Senior Airmen Daniel Barnette, Bachelor of Science-Professional Aeronautics

Senior Airmen Randall Broome, Bachelor of Science-Professional Aeronautics

1st Lt. Emily Alfter, Master of Public Administration

48th Component Maintenance Squadron

Master Sgt. Michael Gloss, Associates of Applied Science-Aviation Maintenance Technology

Staff Sgt. Jason Capazzi, Associates of Applied Science-Aviation Maintenance Technology

Staff Sgt. Michael Philpot, Associates of Applied Science-Aviation Maintenance Technology

Staff Sgt. Randy Powell, Associates of Applied Science-Aviation Maintenance Technology

Senior Master Sgt. Luis Fernandez, Bachelor of Science-Professional Aeronautics

Master Sgt. Brian Pollreis, Bachelor of Science-Professional Aeronautics

Master Sgt. Gregory Rolfe, Bachelor of Science-Professional Aeronautics

Staff Sgt. Juebiline Effoe, Bachelor of Science-Human Resource Management

48th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

Staff Sgt. Jeremy Adams, Associates of Applied Science-Aerospace Ground Equipment Technology

Senior Airmen Todd Gagnon, Associates of Applied Science-Aviation Maintenance Technology

Airman 1st Class James E. Harris, Associates of Applied Science-Avionic Systems Technology

Staff Sgt. Soren Smith, Associates of Applied Science-Aviation Maintenance Technology

Tech. Sgt. Tracy Taylor, Associates of Applied Science-Instructor of Technology and Military Science

Master Sgt. Kenneth Blount, Master of Human Relations

48th Maintenance Operations Squadron

Master Sgt. John Howard Roberson, Associates of Applied Science-Human Resource Management

Staff Sgt. Matthew Lignelli, Associates of Applied Science-Aviation Maintenance Technology

Senior Master Sgt. Burt Hillman, Master of Human Relations

48th Munitions Squadron

Staff Sgt. Marcus Gant, Associates of Applied Science-Munitions Systems Technology

Master Sgt. Paul Perron, Associates of Applied Science-Munitions Systems Technology

48th Operations Support Squadron

Senior Airmen William Lancaster, Associates of Applied Science-Communications Applications Technology

Master Sgt. Marc Joerres, Bachelor of Science

Staff Sgt. Kurtis Preston, Bachelor of Science-Professional Aeronautics

Kirk Pacheco, Bachelor of Science-Accounting/Computer Studies

492nd Fighter Squadron

Staff Sgt. David Smith, Associates of Applied Science-Information Management

1st Lt. Lauren Hodges, Master of Business Administration

48th Mission Support Squadron

Tech. Sgt. William Lipsett, Associates of Applied Science-Instructor of Technology and Military Science

Master Sgt. Larisa Toy, Associates of Applied Science-Social Services

Master Sgt. Denise Koontz, Associates of Applied Science-Paralegal

Staff Sgt. Kallie Beinhower, Associates of Art-General Curriculum

Staff Sgt. Timothy Hicks, Associates of Art - Management Studies; Bachelor of Science - Psychology

Gregory Crosby, Bachelor of Science Marketing

Rachael Cossingham, Master of Human Relations

Staff Sgt. Wesley Girven, Master of Arts - International Relations

Capt. Jason McCree, Master of Human Relations

2nd Lt. James Lupher, Master of Arts - Education Curriculum and Instruction

48th Civil Engineer Squadron

Staff Sgt. Joshua Clevon, Associates of Applied Science-Mechanical & Electrical Technology

Edward Poloka, Bachelor of Science-Information System Management

Chief Master Sgt. Russ Lichtenberger, Bachelor of Science-Management Studies

48th Contracting Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Tina Jorae, Associates of Applied Science-Contracts Management/Logistics

48th Communications Squadron

Master Sgt. Wendy Easterling, Associates of Applied Science-Information Management

Staff Sgt. Angel Lindroth, Associates of Applied Science-Electronic Systems Technology

Staff Sgt. Matthew Nece, Associates of Applied Science-Electronic Systems Technology

Staff Sgt. Michele Polachek, Associates of Applied Science-Information Systems Technology

Senior Airmen Peter Zotto, Associates of Applied Science-Aviation Maintenance Technology

Senior Master Sgt. Russell Wright, Master of Arts in International Relations

Tech. Sgt. Christian Collins, Bachelor of Science-Professional Aeronautics

48th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Staff Sgt. Ricardo Garcia, Associates of Applied Science-Transportation

Staff Sgt. Melissa White, Associates of Applied Science-Logistics

Capt. Christopher Moyano, Master of Public Administration

Master Sgt. Tariq Mahmud, Master of Arts in International Relations and Master of Human Relations

48th Security Forces Squadron

Master Sgt. Julia Blair, Associates of Applied Science-Criminal Justice

Master Sgt. Kenneth Blair, Associates of Applied Science-Criminal Justice

Senior Airmen Cheryl Garlick, Associates of Applied Science-Criminal Justice

Master Sgt. Daniel Lambert, Associates of Applied Science-Criminal Justice

Airman 1st Class Keith Litkowiak, Associates of Applied Science-Criminal Justice

Staff Sgt. Christopher Malenius, Associates of Applied Science-Criminal Justice

Staff Sgt. Latoya Straeter, Associates of Applied Science-Criminal Justice

48th Services Squadron

Master Sgt. Russell Eidenschink, Associates of Applied Science-Human Resource Management

48th Aerospace Medical Squadron

Senior Airmen Quincy Bowie, Associates of Applied Science-Bioenvironmental Engineering Technology

Tech. Sgt. Stephen Hart, Associates of Applied Science-Bioenvironmental Engineering Technology

Master Sgt. Angela Pierce, Associates of Applied Science-Public Health Technology

Tech. Sgt. James Shown, Associates of Applied Science-Allied Health Sciences

48th Medical Operations Squadron

Airman 1st Class Carey Dobson, Associates of Applied Science-Mental Health Services

48th Medical Support Squadron

Master Sgt. John Galindo, Associates of Applied Science-Biomedical Equipment Technology

Tech. Sgt. Bryan Kinder, Associates of Applied Science-Diagnostic Medical Sonography

Tech. Sgt. Craig Washington, Associates of Applied Science-Diagnostic Medical Sonography

Staff Sgt. William Strachan, Associates of Applied Science-Pharmacy Technology

Staff Sgt. Stephanie Ceron, Bachelor of Science-Psychology

372nd Training Squadron

Staff Sgt. Kevin Buehrer, Associates of Applied Science-Aviation Maintenance technology/Instructor of Technology and Military Science

Staff Sgt. Lester Goodwin, Associates of Applied Science-Instructor of Technology and Military Science

Staff Sgt. David Henry, Associates of Applied Science-Aviation Maintenance Technology/Instructor of Technology and Military Science

1st Lt. Dustin Lapack, MAS Aeronautical Science

Tech. Sgt. Joseph Aylsworth, Master of Human Relations

Det. 4, 18th Intelligence Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Richard Diaz, Associates of Applied Science-Communications Applications Technology

Mary Ann Holmes, Bachelor of Science-Computer Information Technology



Liberty SFS blotter

The 48th Security Forces Squadron handled the following incidents from April 25 to Monday:

Property loss, damage or theft

April 25: An Airman reported several items stolen from his secure vehicle parked in front of his home in Newmarket.

April 25: An NCO reported several items stolen from his unsecure vehicle parked in front of his home in Newmarket.

April 26: An Airman was involved in a minor vehicle accident adjacent to Building 1549.

April 26: A civilian was involved in a minor vehicle accident in the golf course parking lot.

April 26: An NCO was involved in a major vehicle accident while driving on the A1101.

April 27: An Airman was involved in a minor vehicle accident adjacent to Building 1017.

April 27: An Airman was involved in a minor vehicle accident adjacent to Building 1119.

April 27: An Airman was involved in a minor vehicle accident in the parking lot of Building 1092.

Friday: Two civilians were involved in a minor vehicle accident at RAF Lakenheaths Gate 1.

Patrol response

April 26: A family member was apprehended for shoplifting clothes at the base exchange.

April 26: A family member was apprehended for shoplifting an IPOD at the BX.

April 27: An Airman was apprehended for an Article 92 after trying to enter the installation with a fraudulent road tax disc.

If you have any information concerning any incident, call the security forces control center at 226-2333 or (01638) 522 333 or 226-4800 or your first sergeant. For an emergency on base call 911 and for an emergency off base call 999.

RAF Lakenheath celebrates diversity

BY 1ST LT. CARLA GLEASON

48TH FIGHTER WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Dozens of Liberty Warriors gathered to kick off RAF Lakenheath's celebration of Asian Pacific American Heritage month during the official opening ceremony at the base exchange here Monday.

"Asian Pacific American Heritage Month commemorates the significant contributions that the Asian Pacific American community has made to our country," said Captain Zahid M. Siddique who is leading RAF Lakenheath's month-long celebration. "Asian Pacific Americans play an important role in every aspect of American life, as authors and artists, as business leaders, as political leaders, as military leaders, as scientists and innovators, as athletes and in virtually every other aspect of American society."

The official national celebration of Asian-Pacific American heritage began in October 1979 when President Jimmy Carter designated the first 10 days of May as Asian Pacific American Week to commemorate the arrival of the first Japanese immigrants to the United States in May 1843. The week was designated to raise cultural awareness and honor Asian Americans' and Pacific Islanders' collective accomplishments. In May 1990, President George H. W. Bush signed the legislation declaring May the annual Asian Pacific Heritage Month.

According to Captain Siddique, there are more than 13 million Asian American and Pacific Islanders in the United States. Asian Pacific Americans also have the most diverse background of any minority population, tracing their roots to almost fifty different countries and ethnic

groups. "Whether their ancestry is Chinese, Japanese, Filipino, Indian, Korean, Vietnamese, Thai, Laotian, Hmong, or other Asian American or Native Hawaiian, Chamorro, Samoan, Micronesian, Tongan, Fijian or other Pacific Islander American, they are a vibrant part of our society."

The month of May is significant because

Japanese immigrants first arrived in the United States on May 7, 1843. Additionally, May 10, 1869 is the date when the eastern part of the United States was connected to the west with the transcontinental railroad, completed by thousands of Chinese enduring harsh conditions and low wages to lay track in record time, said Capt. Siddique.

This year's theme is "Dreams and Challenges for Asian

Pacific Americans." Exhibits featuring artifacts and history from the different nations can be seen all month throughout RAFs Lakenheath and Mildenhall.

Asian-Americans have contributed to business and agricultural development in the United States for more than 100 years. In the 1850's, 10,000 Chinese immigrants built the transcontinental railroad. In the early 1900's Japanese-Americans produced up to 90 percent of certain California crops while controlling only a fraction of the state's fertile farmland.

"From ice skater Kristi Yamaguchi to playwright David Hwang, Asian-Pacific-Americans have been achieving success in politics, business, academia, sports and the arts," said Capt. Siddique. "Asian Pacific history is a large piece of American history. Without the Asian Pacific Islanders in the United States, the America as we know it today wouldn't be the same."



courtesy graphic

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month events

Scheduled events to commemorate Asian Pacific American month include:

Outdoor buffet and exhibition

The Asian-Pacific Islander Heritage month committee will host an outdoor buffet and exhibition from 2:15 until 3 p.m. May 13 at Ford Park, RAF Mildenhall. For more information, call Master Sgt Leonora Moran at 226-3750.

Banquet

May 19 the Asian Pacific American Banquet will be 7 until 9 p.m. May 19 at the RAF Lakenheath Liberty Club. The social hour will begin at 6 p.m. The dress for the evening is semi formal or traditional attire.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Leonora Moran 226-8750, or Senior Airman Green 226-8766.

RAF Lakenheath volunteer award winners

Volunteer excellence award

Nancy Schneider was awarded the volunteer excellence award. The volunteer excellence award is a lifetime achievement award for Federal civilians, family members and military or federal retirees who have served the Air Force community in a sustained, direct and consequential manner for a sustained period of time.

Military personnel are not eligible for this award. The volunteer excellence award is intended to recognize exceptional long-term community support and not a single act or achievement. Volunteer service must be significant in nature, produce tangible results and reflect favorably on the U.S. Air Force.

Volunteer of the year award and volunteer supervisor of the year award

The volunteer administrator of the year was Tech. Sgt. Tony Horde and the volunteer of the year is Staff Sgt. Christopher Mealer. This award recognizes exceptional volunteers and volunteer supervisors who show outstanding service and contribute to improving the quality of life at RAF Lakenheath and in the neighboring communities. Consideration is given to the effect the candidate has on the community in relationship to the time the candidate has resided in the community. The nominee must perform services on a volunteer basis, not as part of an official task or job.

Angel award

Michelle Lillie was awarded the angel award. This award is for volunteers who have contributed significantly to the quality of life of Air Force people, their families and the community, and who are enthusiastically engaged in pursuing volunteerism, charity and good deeds. It is based on the total endeavors of the volunteers, including exceptional volunteer service, community involvement and selfless contributions enhancing the quality of life at RAF Lakenheath.

The amount of time volunteered is not nearly as important as the quality of contributions.

Any members of the RAF Lakenheath community, to include British nationals, and MOD employees, who are enthusiastically engaged in pursuing volunteerism, charity and good deeds in any organization are eligible.



Photo by Verla Davis

Left to right: Shelia Walls and Eileen Garton, "the knitters" from Brandon, United Kingdom chat after the Volunteer Luncheon here April 26. Ms. Walls and Ms. Garton are two of eight volunteers who have knit layette sets for family members for more than 19 years through the family support center.

Base volunteers worth millions

BY 1ST LT. CARLA GLEASON
48TH FIGHTER WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

RAF Lakenheath volunteers were recognized at a luncheon April 26 for their donated efforts, which added up to millions of dollars worth of time and support given to agencies both on and off base over the past year.

More than 1,000 individuals from RAF Lakenheath spent 168,000 hours volunteering both on base and off, according to 48th Fighter Wing family support center records.

Using U.S. Bureau of Statistics information, volunteer coordinators here estimated the volunteer efforts added up to \$2,700,000 worth of time and service donated.

"Volunteers provide consistency for our programs while military members are deployed, a contagious spirit of caring and enthusiasm, and inspiration to us all," said Edward Cole, community readiness consultant here who served as master of ceremonies for the event. This annual luncheon is designed to applaud their selfless efforts and contributions."

Volunteer recognition week began in

America in 1974 when President Richard Nixon signed the proclamation declaring it a week to recognize the efforts of volunteers across the nation.

"Volunteerism gives something back to the community while at the same time allows us to feel a sense of fulfillment," said Squadron Leader Jo Daniels, RAF Lakenheath's RAF commander and guest speaker at the luncheon. Take time to reevaluate your own contribution to your community, take inspiration from those around you, think about what you can do—then go out and do it."

There are more than 28 base agencies where people can volunteer their time and experience to help others, including the Airman's Attic, the Airman's food pantry, the base chapel and the sexual assault response office.

"The full spectrum of volunteering going on at RAF Lakenheath has an impact on this base, in our wing and with our individual families daily," said Brig. Gen. Robert P. Steel, 48th FW commander. Volunteers are the inspiration for others to follow and set the example for all of us."

Airmen help Palau islanders with construction, health needs

BY MASTER SGT. ORVILLE F. DESJARLAIS JR.

AIR FORCE PRINT NEWS

Members of the Palau Civic Action Team don't have identity crises, although maybe they should.

Because of their humanitarian mission, the 13 Airmen work among the people of Palau. However, these very same people sometimes mistakenly call them Navy Seabees. Historically, the Navy ran the CAT program, but in 2003, it became a joint initiative between the Air Force, Navy and Army.

Thus the confusion. To battle that image problem and show their Air Force pride, the Palau Civic Action Team painted the Air Force symbol on everything in Camp Katuu: on the sign coming into the camp, on a flag, atop a roof, on the basketball court backboards, on the horse-shoe pit backstops, and on nearly every door. Only the camp dog, Cody, remains logo free.

Palau Presidential Chief of Staff Billy Kuartei knows all about the Airmen and what they have to offer his island.

"We are grateful to have an Air Force team here," Mr. Kuartei said. "The bond between the United States and Palau is very visible under the CAT (initiative)."

The team, only the second all-Air Force team in the Palau CAT's history, helps the island with its basic infrastructure development, offers medical assistance, and trains local Palauans to become skilled technicians, all while providing a favorable U.S. military presence.

"The ministry of education doesn't have a lot of money, but they have a lot of schools to maintain," said Capt. Kristen Bakotic, 48th Fighter Wing Civil Engineer member who is the officer-in-charge of the team. "What we do is provide the manpower and expertise. If they pay for the materials, we'll build or fix it for them for free.

The island, composed of 10 states, was in dire need of a sub-station because rescuers took anywhere from one to two hours to get the injured to the main hospital in the Capitol State of Koror. The new sub-station houses a fire truck, ambulance and jail.

Other projects the team has completed include building a recreational pavilion for the Palau Community College, an extension on a summerhouse for patients in a mental ward, repairing and painting an elementary school, constructing a covered walkway and tiling a cafeteria for an elementary school on an outlying island, repairing and constructing roads in five different states, as well as various other renovations and repairs throughout Palau.

Previously, vehicles couldn't make it all the



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Shane Cuomo

Capt. Kristen Bakotic, deployed to Palau from the 48 FW Civil Engineer Squadron, plays with Cody, the Air Force Camp's mascot on the island of Palau. The captain is the officer in charge of Palau Civic Action Team, a group of 13 Airmen who help the island with its basic infrastructure development, offer medical assistance and train local Palauans to become skilled technicians, all while providing a favorable U.S. military presence.

way to the cemetery because the road was so bad. Mourners had to stop and carry the casket the rest of the way.

Capt. Dan Calderon is in charge of the medical portion of the team designed to work with local medical and U.S. Public Health Services officials to establish and carry out free, limited health care to anyone on Palau.

A majority of the patients are on work-permit visas and cannot afford the \$80 fee charged by the local hospital. If he has the medication patients need, he gives it to them.

Captain Calderon, like the physician assistant before him, is also expected to venture out to nearby, remote islands to offer his services. Some are accessible only by boat. The CAT owns a 25-foot boat for just that reason.

"The people are very thankful that we're

here," Captain Calderon said. "I like the fact that we care for the local people who don't have a lot of money. I think we're doing a good job here." Life on Palau is slow-paced and laid back. Most islanders run on "Palau time," meaning they may or may not be on time. That doesn't mean life at Camp Katuu is easy.

One of Tech Sgt. Mike Luhmann's jobs is to make potable water for the camp. He stores water in two 6,000-gallon tanks. After adding chlorine and sifting the pond water through a series of filters, the plumber by trade makes the water fit to drink.

"Camp life is pretty good," said Staff Sgt. Kevin Babers, a civil engineering structures journeyman. "We share rooms that are about 16-foot by 16-foot. It's better than living in a tent." The rooms are complete with cable television.



Early Intervention Services starts with Team

BY STAFF SGT. NICHOLASA REED
48TH FIGHTER WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

To Justice Cruzan,2, the weekly arrival of Libby Murphy, a speech therapist with RAF Lakenheth’s Early Intervention Services, marks the beginning of playtime. During the visit, Justice, her mother Camille Cruzan and Ms. Murphy put together puzzles, play musical instruments and read books.

For Ms. Murphy, the visit is more work than play. As one of seven EIS providers who work alongside local military families with special needs children, she visits children in homes regularly to help with learning development.

EIS is a section of Educational and Developmental Intervention Services that focus on special needs children from birth to three years of age.

“Patient needs range from speech and hearing to genetic disorders of all kinds,” said EIS provider LaNita McCoy.

The Cruzan family has been involved in the program since Dec. 2003 when their oldest child, Jacob “Buddy” Cruzan Jr, was diagnosed with mild autism. While still in the hospital after the birth of their third child, Justice, doctors identified their newest addition was born with a cleft palate.

“I was in shock,” said Mrs. Cruzan. “I looked at her and thought the doctors must have been wrong because she didn’t look like I thought a child with a cleft palate would.”

Justice had surgery at 8 months of age to close the hole she had in the upper portion of her mouth. She was eating normal foods the next day, said Mrs. Cruzan.

Because Justice had never used the muscles in her upper mouth Ms. Murphy, a speech therapist, works with her for an hour a week to practice pronouncing words.

“Any sound not made with the nose is hard for Justice and others with cleft palates to make. That includes sounds like B, P, D, T, G, K, SH and F,” said Ms. Murphy.

Several different methods are used to help Justice practice these sounds. During one visit, Ms. Murphy uses a flavored tongue depressor and touches points in Justice’s mouth to teach her where to place her tongue to make different sounds. Remembering this ‘game,’ Justice takes the depressor and sucks on it like a lollipop. Like many other two-year olds, Justice tires of the game quickly and moves onto picking another toy out of Ms. Murphy’s bag.

“I’m grateful for their help,” says Ms. Cruzan. “They have helped my children learn to function.”

In order to help children the staff at EIS work together with parents and siblings to create a team of understanding and support, said Ms. McCoy.

“We can’t service the child without servicing the whole family,” said Ms. McCoy.

After Ms. Murphy’s session with Justice she speaks with Ms. Cruzan and discusses some tips to help Justice until Ms. Murphy is able to come back.

“There is no cookie-cutter solution,” says Ms. McCoy, “but we are here to help, I always tell parents to call anytime with any question.”

“Everything is based on the child’s needs. We can offer families a full range of services including advise and quidance depending on what they need,” she added.

EIS exists by federal mandate to support families assigned here. Referrals may be made by parents and or physicians, however, participation is completely voluntary.

For more information, contact EIS at 226-8926.



Above: Justice and her mother, Camille Cruzan, play with Libby Murphy, Early Intervention Services speech therapist. The game is designed to initiate opportunities for Justice, who has a cleft palate, to practice her pronunciation. Because Justice is not used to using the muscles in her upper mouth, any sound not made using the nose is more difficult to pronounce.

Left: Ms. Murphy reads Justice a book, encouraging her to repeat words and practice words hard for Justice to pronounce.



26 Working birds

34 days to hatch a
Indian falcon

4 weeks before a
fledging can fly

2 Lager Falcons in the
squadron

Frankie, an Indian Lager Falcon, joined the 48th Operation Support Squadron April 8. Frankie's main job will be to keep the flight line and buildings clear of unwanted birds alongside bird trainer Keith Mutton.

Newest recruit is flighty

BY STAFF SGT. NICHOLASA REED

48TH FIGHTER WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Operations Support Squadron's newest member weighs less than 10 pounds and is molting.

Frankie, an Indian Lager Falcon, joined the world and stepped into the ranks of the OSS April 8.

Frankie and her brother, Blue, are part of the OSS's bird control program headed by Keith Mutton. As birds of prey, their job is to scare other birds from entering the active runway area, thereby avoiding damage to aircraft that occurs by bird strikes.

Keeping the runway clear is a serious business, but for Mr. Mutton and many of his other socially-raised birds, it's family business.

"Because I've hand-reared them, they think I'm their Mum," said the British bird trainer.

Socially-raising a bird is a practice of introducing birds to different people and environments to ensure they are comfortable in dealing with people on a daily basis.

"Keith will take Frankie almost everywhere he goes," said Maj. Jamie Flanders, airfield management director.

"Frankie stays in a glass tank with a blanket and her mate," said Mr. Mutton. Frankie's mate is a tennis ball. The use of the ball is an unorthodox training method, admits Mr. Mutton, but works well.

During training the tennis ball will become incentive for Frankie to return to Mr. Mutton after her flight. As she becomes older her trainer will offer her lure.

Right now, Frankie eats a total of two quail a day. As an adult she will eat only one.



In a few short weeks Frankie will begin flying around RAF Lakenheath keeping unwanted birds away.



Air Force photo

Chief Master Sgt. Rodney J. McKinley, shown here shaking hands with Airmen, was selected as the 15th chief master of the Air Force by Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley. He will replace Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald R. Murray on July 1, following Chief Murray's retirement June 30. Chief McKinley currently serves as the command chief master sergeant for Pacific Air Forces.

Chief McKinley selected as 15th CMSAF

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley has named Chief Master Sgt. Rodney J. McKinley to serve as the 15th chief master sergeant of the Air Force. Chief McKinley will assume his new position July 1, following the June 30 retirement of Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald R. Murray. Chief Murray's retirement culminates 29 years of service to the Air Force.

"I'm excited to have Chief McKinley take the helm of our enlisted force," General Moseley said. "Chief McKinley is a tremendous leader with an impressive array of expeditionary and combat experiences to help him steer our Airmen and serve as my partner. We were blessed to have a number of exceptionally well-qualified candidates for the position. While the decision was not an easy one, I feel we have the right person to lead our enlisted force during this time of a long war on terrorism, recapitalization and transformation. I look forward to working with him."

Chief McKinley is currently the command chief master sergeant for

Pacific Air Forces. He originally joined the Air Force in 1974, took a break in service in 1977, attended college and re-entered the Air Force in 1982.

Chief McKinley's career includes assignments in the medical, aircraft maintenance and first sergeant fields. He has also served as the command chief master sergeant of the 86th Airlift Wing at Ramstein Air Base, Germany; 1st Fighter Wing at Langley Air Force Base, Va.; 379th Air Expeditionary Wing in Southwest Asia; and 11th Air Force at Elmendorf AFB, Alaska.

The office of the chief master sergeant of the Air Force represents the highest enlisted level of leadership, provides direction for the enlisted corps and represents their interests to the American public and all levels of government.

The chief master sergeant of the Air Force serves as a personal adviser to the Air Force chief of staff and secretary of the Air Force on all issues regarding the welfare, readiness, morale, proper utilization and progress of the enlisted force and their families.



courtesy graphic



Photos by Danielle Urista

Top: Derek Dean receives a pass during the 1-4 loss to Ramstein Saturday. Dean was the only Lakenheath Lancer to score against Ramstein. Below: Bryce Watkins heads the ball to a fellow team member during the 4-3 win over Wiesbaden Saturday.

Lakenheath Lancers score in Germany

BY CAITLIN TYREE

48TH FIGHTER WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS INTERN

Lakenheath Lancer soccer players traveled to Germany this weekend to challenge their Division I opponents, the Ramstein Royals and the Wiesbaden Warriors.

The varsity boys kicked off on Friday morning after a long bus ride, but managed to play with tenacity.

Carl Snapp, keeper for Lakenheath, had three noteworthy saves in the first half while Derek Dean, after several shots, scored a goal for the Lancers.

Lakenheath continued to challenge the Royals in the second half with impressive defense by Alex Hooper and Snapp, who had an astounding nine saves at the conclusion of the match.

Although Ramstein scored twice, the Lancer boys put up a great fight and played hard through the end. The final score was Lakenheath 1, Ramstein 2.

On Saturday, varsity boys triumphed with

a win over Wiesbaden, 4-3, with goals scored by Dean, Bryce Watkins and David Parent.

The varsity girl's team suffered a tough defeat on Friday to the Royals, Lakenheath 0, Ramstein 5.

Although no goals were made, Greta Gerstner and Desiree Colbert demonstrated strong midfield play, while Brittany Latham did an excellent job defending.

Saturday's match led to a satisfying victory for the Lakenheath women on the Warrior's home turf, with a final score of 2-0. Kristina Jemison scored both goals, with assists from Greta Gerstner.

To the dismay of the Wiesbaden players, their only goal was called back as a result of harassing Lakenheath keeper, Annamarie Pontius.

The Lady Lancers ruled the field defensively, anchored by Brittany Buckingham and Pontius, who had eleven saves by the end of the game.

Lakenheath Lancers fared well in their conference matches. Varsity boys have a record of 3-1-0, and varsity girls have a

record of 2-2-0. Both teams host the Heidelberg Lions on Saturday.



Investment 101:

An economic leadership primer

BY LT. COL. KENNETH RIBLER

48TH SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON

Whilst a prevailing common assumption in organizational success is the philosophy that when each member contributes their best efforts on behalf of the mission, the mission gets accomplished and the organization is better for it, there is so much more to it. This key postulate fails to capture what is absolutely essential for organizational and personal professional growth. The critical element of allowing our personnel, our troops to flourish is an often overlooked essential element of leadership...investment.

The ultimate goal of investment is to “produce earnings in future periods.” When applied to our greatest Air Force assets, our personnel, it means that we as leaders and managers must commit our time, energy, and resources in our people if we are to achieve the needed “dividends” in the future. The byproducts of our investments are a more capable, competent and committed force; a force that will get the mission accomplished even through the most challenging of times. In his book, *Body for Life*, Bill Phillips identifies what he refers to as the “Universal Law of Reciprocity.” He describes it in this way, “when I focus on creating value for others, in either their personal or professional life, I don’t get back a return that merely equals what I invest. I know my return will be double, triple, or even 10 times greater.” As with most good economic plans, investing early on in the careers of our people is a critical step in building the foundation for a healthy and prosperous force. This strong base will allow for our troops to be part of a collective group of often diverse and distinctly different individuals that are united in a common mission and more importantly, they are bound by the trust and support of their leaders.

This early investment should not be thought of as a one time good deal. Sound principles of financial management dictate that routine and regular contributions serve to demonstrate the commitment of the wise investor, or leader. A disciplined and very conscientious leader will be keenly aware of “market turbulence.” The committed leader will not let “uncertainties in the market or unit” deter him or her from continually reassuring those they are charged with leading that they are “in it for the long haul.” The market, like our troops thrive on confidence and trust.

This motivating force that accentuates the positive while eliminating the negative drives attitude, thoughts and actions – all toward the positive.

Over the course of my career I have come to well understand the benefit of both championing my people and being championed by our Air Force leaders. Never underestimate the sheer importance and value of posturing your troops for all levels of recognition as well as ensuring that those quality force members are distinguished amongst their peers. There is probably no more critical time in our Air Force history to ensure that when appropriate, we effectively stratify and showcase our people; identifying the best of our troops from the section level, to the squadron level, to the highest level possible is critical. A key rule of thumb is to stratify early and stratify often. Just like cultivating your individual financial wealth, cultivating a quality workforce is a sound ‘financial’ principle. During unpredictable and chaotic times the championed troop survives!

Another key principle in building both healthy and wealthy subordinates is the vital necessity for leaders (and financial advisors) to pursue a course of clarity. Take a moment to reflect on your personal experiences with any past or current boss. It is almost guaranteed that a boss that effectively communicates their “vision” for your professional growth, and that of the organization, invaluable contributes to both. Clarity of purpose, of conviction and of your commitment to those that you lead is an incredible positive force multiplier. The best, and even the worst amongst us, benefit and even prosper when exposed to leaders who help us see beyond the often murky issues of the day. A visionary and instructive leader infects those under their charge to better pre-

pare and prosper in the near, mid and long term.

Much attention has been paid as of late to eliminating negative behaviors and trends of our personnel. These are very worthy endeavors and something that as leaders we all must continue to work towards. I am however reminded of that classic Disney story of *Pollyanna*; the story of the cheerfully optimistic child that attempts to change the negativity of an entire town. In the story, *Pollyanna* wears a locket around her neck with a quote from Abraham Lincoln that reads: “When you look for the bad in men, expecting to find it, you surely will.” A key point of this renowned quote according to author Eleanor

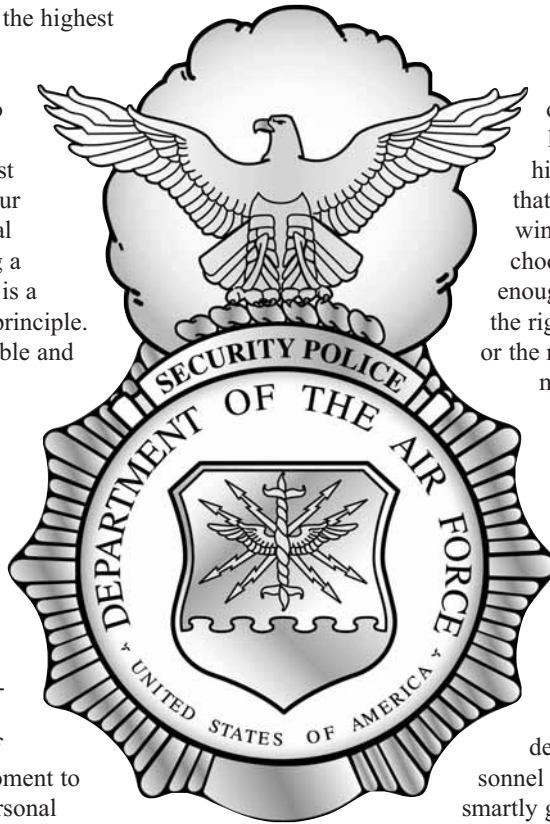
H. Porter is that “Instead of always

harping on a man’s faults, tell him of his virtues. Try to pull him out of his rut of bad habits. Hold up to him his better self, his real self that can dare and do and win out!” The lesson being, choosing to invest is not enough, choosing to invest in the right fund, the right stock, or the right leadership effort makes all the difference for true long term capitalization.

Famed British rock icon, Elvis Costello sang (What’s So Funny ‘Bout) Peace, Love and Understanding?”

Wisely investing such elements in the professional and personal development of our personnel allows all leaders to smartly grow our force during both “bull” and “bear” markets. As

the Air Force charts a tenuous course over the next few years as we continue to transform consistent with Lean Operations and Air Force Smart Operations 21 tenants, developing a loyal and devoted force will only come about by the chain of command’s commitment to invest in our Airmen. These ever so important aspects of care, understanding and trust will allow for continued positive mission accomplishment well into the future. An Airmen focused chain of command will inevitably always make the right ... investment.





Discover Britain

By Sal Davidson - Community Relations Adviser



Britain through the ages

It's hard to believe just how much history there is in Britain and just how far back we have documented. Here is a trip through time from the Bronze Ages up until the end of the Victorian era. I hope you enjoy it.

Neolithic & Bronze Ages:

8300 B.C. to 750 B.C.

By 8300 B.C. people were crossing into the area, which we know as Britain, and settling mostly in the east and south of England. Up until the English Channel was formed in 6500 B.C., "Britain", as we know it, did not exist, but was part of the Eurasian land mass.

The initial settlers were hunter-gatherers and had a nomadic lifestyle. Nearly all of their time was taken up obtaining enough food for survival.

Iron Ages:

750 B.C. to A.D. 42

It is thought Celtic speaking people introduced Iron to Britain. With time, they traded and settled into British society and the skills involved in working iron progressed. They started to make swords and other weapons, founding iron was harder than bronze. It is still considered to be one of the most useful of all metals.

Romano Britain:

43 to 409

In A.D. 43, Roman Commander Aulus Plautius invaded Britain. He had four legions and 20,000 auxiliary troops. The Roman army landed on the Kent coast and defeated the Britons in a number of skirmishes.

Emperor Claudius arrived that autumn with reinforcements and supervised the capture of Colchester. He accepted the surrender of eleven tribal Kings, appointed Aulus Plautius as the first Governor of Britain before returning to Rome.

Conflict between the Romans and some of the British tribes continued but others accepted the Roman influence and began to assimilate.

By A.D. 47 they had penetrated as far Southwest as Cornwall, as far West as Wales and as far North as the Humber. They began

constructing a military road system and also built a crossing over the River Thames in London close to the modern day London Bridge.

Invaders:

410 to 1065

In 410, the Roman troops were continually withdrawn from Britain to help with conflicts elsewhere in the empire. In 410 citizens of Roman Britain wrote to Emperor Honorius and asked for help against Saxon and Pictish raiders.

At time the Emperor had his own problems with the gothic chieftain, Alaric, so he wrote back telling the Britons to "look after your own defences."

The writings of contemporary figures such as Saint Patrick and Saint Germanus as well as archaeological evidence suggest

army in Sussex but was forced to march them north to defeat an invasion from King Harald of Norway at Stamford Bridge. Harold then rushed his soldiers to meet the invading Normans at Hastings. Although the armies were quite well matched in numbers William had the advantage in terms of cavalry and also they were fresher than Harold's.

The English lost the battle and King Harold famously died with an arrow piercing his eye. William was crowned King on Christmas Day 1066. His more known title is "William the Conqueror."

The Middle Ages

1216 to 1347

This period saw the first reference to "Parliament" and it's first elected representatives. Parliament developed throughout the reign of Edward I to a role beyond that of high court.

The legend of Robin Hood also began within this time frame. Robert Hood, alias Robert of Wetherby, was outlawed by the authority of the king's justices and was executed. The legend has evolved and still lives on to this day.

Many of the country's great buildings were also constructed; Saint Paul's Cathedral and York Minster were among them.



Courtesy photo

Romanised Britain continued well into the fifth century.

Invasions from the Saxons, Scandinavians and Scots eventually ended Roman ways. Power struggles and successful migrations from the continent drove the indigenous population west and north. The north was not immune from these invasions and a new tribal group established itself on the west coast of Northern Britain – the Scots. Eventually they gave their name to the whole of the north of the island – Scotland.

Anglo Normans

1066 to 1215

Duke William of Normandy sailed across the English Channel in September 1066. King Harold of England had been waiting with an

Late Medieval

1348 to 1484

The age is synonymous with the bubonic plague. In 1348 the "Black Death" that had been sweeping across Europe arrived in Britain. The disease was spread by fleas living in the fur of rats and attacked the population, which was already weak from a series of famines. It is estimated for the period of 1348 to 1350, almost a third of the population perished.

This time was also dominated by long periods of conflicts and we now know as the Hundred years' War.

Parliament continued to develop and English, rather than French, became the language of everyday use.



Briefs

LHS round table

The Lakenheath High School Round Table will hold a meeting 5 p.m. today at the Lakenheath High School Library.

Nominations for officers will be accepted during this meeting.

For more information, call Gregory Serd at 226-5897.

Housing survey

An Air Force team will visit RAFs Lakenheath and Mildenhall to conduct a local housing market survey Monday.

To take a preliminary survey, visit www.airforcehousingssurvey.us. For more information, call the East Anglia Regional Housing office at 226-2000.

Tuition deadline

The deadline to turn in applications for the Spouse Tuition Assistance Program is May 10 at the family support center. For more information, call 226-3847.

Mayfair bazaar

The 2006 Mildenhall Officers and Civilian Spouses Club Mayfair Bazaar will be 4 until 8 p.m. May 12, 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. May 13, and 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. May 14. For more information, call (01638) 531 700 or e-mail at mayfairbazaar@yahoo.co.uk.

Traffic flow change

Traffic will be diverted around the new communications facility from May 2 through May 12 to facilitate construction.

RAF Lakenheath Chapel schedule

Catholic

Saturday

4 p.m. - Reconciliation
(by appointments)
5 p.m. - Mass

Sunday

9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 6 p.m. - Mass

Monday to Thursday

11:30 p.m. - Mass

Protestant

Sunday

9 a.m. - Liturgical service at Feltwell Chapel
11 a.m. - Traditional protestant service
12:30 p.m. - Gospel service
4:30 p.m. - Contemporary service
September through May
9:30 a.m. - Sunday school
Building 954

Outdoor buffet and exhibition

The Asian-Pacific Islander Heritage Month committee will host an outdoor buffet and exhibition from 2:15 until 3 p.m. May 13 at Ford Park, RAF Mildenhall. For more information, call Master Sgt. Leonora Moran at 226-3750.

Combat course

The defender challenge combat course will be 10 a.m. until noon May 16 at the base football field.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Rushford at 226-3090.

Mildenhall Heart Link

The 100th Mission Support Squadron's Heart Link Spouses Orientation will be 9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. May 19 at the RAF Mildenhall Building 460 family support center. English to Korean translations will be available.

For more information, call the family support center at 238-3406 or (01638) 543 406.

Rummage sale

The Medical Auxiliary Group will host a rummage sale 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. May 20 at Lakenheath High School Cafeteria. Vendor tables are available for \$12. For more information, call John Wheaton at (01638) 532 741.

Combat ruck

The combat 5-kilometer ruck march will begin at 7:30 a.m. May 19 at the high school playing fields. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Brian Cain at 226-1407.

SFS display

48th Security Forces Squadron will display their weapons, vehicles and canine unit from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. May 19 and from noon until 4 p.m. May 20 at the base exchange. For more information, call 1st Lt. Shaun Flint at 226-5454.

Field day volunteer

The Liberty Intermediate School seeks volunteers for their field day June 1.

To volunteer or for more information, e-mail david.hagander@eu.dodea.edu.

Better hearing and speech month

For more than 75 years, May has been designated as better hearing and speech month — a time to raise public awareness, knowledge, and understanding of the various forms of communication impairments to include those of hearing, speech, language, and voice.

The National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders reports approximately 42 million people in the United States suffer from a speech, voice, language, or hearing impairment. Almost 28 million suffer from a hearing loss.

RAF Lakenheath benefits from having both a speech-language pathologist who can treat various aspects of all types of speech, language, voice, stuttering, hearing, and related disorders, and an audiologist concerned with the prevention, identification, and treatment of communication impairments.

Audiologists test hearing, prescribe hearing aids and assistive listening devices, and can

teach people with hearing loss how to make the most of the sounds they hear.

You have hearing loss if you:

- ❖ Frequently ask people to repeat themselves
- ❖ Turn your ear toward a sound to hear it better or to understand people better
- ❖ When you wear your glasses or look directly at people's faces, you hear better
- ❖ Lose your place in group conversations
- ❖ Keep the volume on your radio or television at a level others say is too loud.
- ❖ Have pain or ringing in your ears

For more information on better speech and hearing month or speech and hearing services on base, call 226-3308.

MOVIES

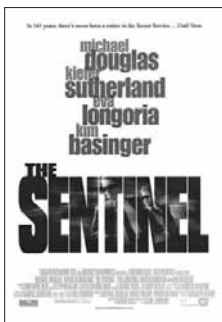
RAF Lakenheath 226-2139

Friday

6:30 p.m., Curious George, G. The adventures of Curious George, the inquisitive little guy with an insatiable taste for adventure. George's spunky and fun-loving nature endears him to new friends, but also lands him in a series of (mis-) adventures.

9 p.m., The Pink Panther, PG,

starring Steve Martin and Beyoncé Knowles. A world-famous soccer coach has been murdered and his priceless, legendary ring has been stolen—a ring set with the stunning diamond known as the "Pink Panther." The French government needs a master detective to solve the crime and recover the gem—but he's not available, so they recruit none other than Inspector Jacques Clouseau.



Courtesy graphics

Saturday

4 p.m., Curious George, G

6:30 p.m., The Pink Panther, PG

9:30 p.m., The Sentinel, PG-13, starring Michael Douglas and Kiefer Sutherland. Pete Garrison is the most decorated agent in the history of the Secret Service - the president's last line of defense. But now, wrongly suspected of targeting the president for assassination, Garrison has become the Service's worst nightmare. As he uses his formidable skills to try and prove his innocence and find the real assassin, Garrison is tracked by his equally adept former protégée.

Sunday

4 p.m., Curious George, G

6:30 p.m., Curious George, G

Monday 6:30 p.m., The Sentinel, PG-13

Tuesday 6:30 p.m., The Sentinel, PG-13

Wednesday 6:30 p.m., The Pink Panther, PG

Thursday 6:30 p.m., The Sentinel, PG-13

RAF Mildenhall 238-4955

Friday

6:30 p.m., Eight Below, PG, starring Paul Walker and Jason Briggs. The film tells the story of three members of a scientific expedition: Jerry Shepard, his best friend, Cooper, and a rugged American geologist, who are forced to leave behind their team of beloved sled dogs due to a sudden accident and perilous weather conditions in Antarctica.

9 p.m., Big Momma's House 2, PG-13, starring Martin Lawrence and Nia Long. The continuing adventures of master-of-disguise FBI special agent Malcolm Turner. This time he must go undercover as Big Momma to nail his ex-partner's murderer. While undercover in the house of the suspected criminal, Malcolm grows attached to the suspect's three children.

Saturday

7 p.m., Date Movie, PG-13, starring Alyson Hannigan and Adam Campbell. The story of hopeless romantic Julia Jones, who has finally met the man of her dreams, the very British Grant Fonckyardoder. But before they can have their Big Fat Greek Wedding, they'll have to Meet the Parents, hook-up with The Wedding Planner, and contend with Grant's friend Andy - a spectacularly beautiful woman who wants to put an end to her Best Friend's Wedding.

9:30 p.m., Syriana, R, starring

Sunday 3:30 p.m., Annapolis, PG-13, starring James Franco and Jordana Brewster. A young man from the wrong side of the tracks has his dream come true when he is accepted to the Naval Academy. But once there he is not sure he measures up against the best and the brightest.

6:30 p.m., Eight Below, PG

Monday 6:30 p.m., Underworld: Evolution, R, starring Kate Beckinsale and Scott Speedman. A war emerges between the aristocratic Death Dealers and the barbaric Lycans (werewolves), stemming from an ancient feud between the two tribes. Selene, the beautiful vampire heroine, and Michael, the lycan hybrid, try to unlock the secrets of their bloodlines. Their forbidden love takes them into the battle to end all wars as the immortals must finally face their retribution.

Tuesday 6:30 p.m., When a Stranger Calls, PG-13, starring Camilla Belle and Katie Cassidy. While babysitting, a high school student is terrorized by a stranger who calls her, asking "have you checked the children lately?" The police eventually notify her the calls are coming from inside the house.

Wednesday 6:30 p.m., Date Movie, PG-13

Thursday 6:30 p.m., Fun with Dick and Jane, PG-13.



Briefs

Commissioning opportunities

A commissioning fair will be held 10:30 until 11:30 a.m. today at the Strike Eagle Complex.

The fair will provide information about the various commission programs including ROTC, Air Force Academy and Officer Training School. For more information, call 226-6160.

Scholarship briefing

There will be an informational briefing about qualifying for and receiving a ROTC college scholarship for high school students and their parents at 11:15 a.m. today at the Lakenheath High School auditorium.

For more information, call Pam Skorupski at 226-5563 or Capt. Nan Litecky at (01638) 515 624.

Academic recognition ceremony

The education center will host an academic recognition ceremony 2 p.m. today at Eagles' Landing. For more information, call Maureen Carlson at 226-6180.

FMO closure

The furnishings and management office will be closed Monday at 1 p.m. until Tuesday 10 a.m. for training. For more information, call 226-7154

Graduate studies

A 64-hour program of study for a doctor of education in school administration degree will be delivered in two years through Oklahoma State University.

All materials and books will be provided. Costs for these items are included in the tuition per credit hour.

Coursework will be delivered in a condensed format on consecutive weekends with online follow-ups. For more information, email adrienne.hyle@okstate.edu or rhonda.bennett@eu.dodea.edu.

Professional development center

The RAF Lakenheath Professional Development Center offers the following classes:

Today

Conflict management - 8 until 9 a.m.

May 16

Airman professional development - 8 until 11 a.m.

May 17

Air Force Heritage - 8 until 10 a.m.

May 18

Eagle eyes - 8 until 9 a.m.

May 19

Studying and testing - 8 until 9 a.m.

All classes are held in Building, 948 room 309. Classes are held on a first-come, first-serve basis. To register or view the PDC calendar, visit <https://lww/pdc/PDF/PDC/calendar1.htm>.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Kimberly Crawford at 226-2300 or e-mail kimberly.crawford@lakenheath.af.mil.

Mother's Day, family bingo

A Mothers Day and family bingo day will be held May 14 at the 48th Avenue community center starting at 1 p.m. The cost is \$10 for 10 games. For more information, call 226-4884.

Middle school parent meeting

Lakenheath Middle School will hold a parent orientation meeting May 18 at the middle school on RAF Feltwell at 6 p.m. Prospective students are also encouraged to attend. For more information, call 226-7006.

Health & Fitness

For more information, call the fitness center at 226-3607

Push-up, sit-up challenge

Airmen Committed to Excellence will hold a men's and women's push-up and sit-up challenge today.

For more information, call Senior Airman Amanda Myers at 226-8047.